Maryland Board of Pharmacy Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2013

Name	Title	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		
Board Committee							
Bradley-Baker, L.	Commissioner/Treasurer	✓		8	2		
Chason, D.	Commissioner	✓		10	0		
Finke, H.	Commissioner	✓		10	0		
Gavgani, M. Z.	Commissioner	✓		9	1		
Handelman, M.	Commissioner	✓		8	2		
Israbian-Jamgochian, L.	Commissioner	✓		9	1		
Matens, R.	Commissioner		✓	6	4		
Smith, J.	Commissioner	✓		1	0		
Souranis, M.	Commissioner/President		✓	9	1		
St. Cyr, II, Z. W.	Commissioner	✓		10	0		
Taylor, R.	Commissioner/Secretary		✓	7	3		
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Board Counsel							
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel	✓		10	0		
Felter, B.	Staff Attorney	✓		9	1		
Board Staff							
Naesea, L.	Executive Director	✓		10	0		
Wu, Y.	Compliance Manager		✓	8	2		
Waddell, L.	Licensing Manager	✓		4	0		
Gaither, P.	Administration and Public Support	✓		8	2		
	Manager						
Jeffers, A.	Legislation/Regulations Manager	✓		10	0		
Johnson, J	MIS Manager	<u></u> ✓		6	0		

Subject	Responsible Party	Discussion	Action Due Date (Assigned To)	Results
I. Executive Committee	A. L. Bradley- Baker, Board	Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda are advised to notify the Board at this time or	(Assigned 10)	
Report(s)	Treasurer	 L. Bradley-Baker, in the absence of President M. Souranis, called the Public Meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. L. Bradley-Baker requested all meeting attendees to introduce themselves, to sign the guest log and to indicate whether they would like continuing education credits. Members of the Board with any conflict of interests relating to any item on the agenda were advised to notify 		
		 the Board. 4. L. Bradley-Baker reported that all handouts were to be returned by attendees when they leave the meeting. 5. L. Bradley-Baker welcomed and introduced Jermaine Smith, the Board of Pharmacy's (BOP) newly appointed commissioner. Mr. Smith, who has filled the Chain position on the Board, gave a brief introduction of himself noting that he is a 1996 graduate of the University of South Carolina and has been a resident of Maryland for 		
		the past 17 years. Commissioner Smith stated that he has held various positions with Rite-Aid Pharmacy from pharmacy intern, staff pharmacist, pharmacy manager, pharmacy district manager to his current position as Director of College Relations & Professional Recruitment. Covering schools of pharmacies from Maine to Florida. Commissioner Smith is a past President of the MD Pharmaceutical Society. Commissioner Smith stated that he is very excited about and looking forward to working with the BOP.		

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		6. Review and approval of March 20, 2013 public board meeting minutes.	Motion by L. Bradley- Baker to accept minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by L. Israbian- Jamgochian.	Motion was approved.
II. Executive Director's Report	A. Executive Director, L. Naesea	1. Operations Updates – L. Naesea acknowledged and welcomed Irving Lottier, former BOP commissioner and also extended congratulations and welcome to Commissioner, Jermaine Smith. L. Naesea noted David Jones has been appointed to replace Commissioner M. Handleman and will serve after being sworn in. The BOP's pharmacist inspector Cheryl Johnson resigned from the Board. L. Naesea stated that Ms. Johnson was a valued employee and she will be missed. The Board will begin immediately recruiting two pharmacists, one lab technician and one administrative clerk to support the sterile compounding bill which recently passed. The Board is required to complete implementation of the new statute by April 2014. At the April Director's meeting, discussion was held concerning a regulatory proposal introduced by the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to increase the fee it collectively charges most licensed health occupation practitioners, from 18% to 22% of MHCC's annual budget. This fee is collected from practitioners in addition to the licensure fees collected by each Health Occupation Board. The Boards are drafting a letter in opposition to the increase and to seek an explanation of why the Boards are being "taxed," and how the practitioners benefit from services provided from the fee. L. Naesea asked the Board to support sending the letter.	Motion by L. Israbian- Jamgochain to join in with the other Health Occupation Boards in letter of opposition to MHCC's proposal of raising tax from 18% to 22%. Motion was seconded by D. Chason.	Motion was approved.

B. Administration & Public Support	Administration & Public Support Manager, P. Gaither	 2. Meeting Updates NABP's 109th Annual Meeting is on May 18 – 21, 2013 in St. Louis, MO. Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian hopes to attend as the Board's voting delegate, and Harry Finke will attend as the alternate delegate. L. Naesea will also attend. The Board offices will be closed on May 24, 2013 (State Service Reduction Day) and May 27, 2013 for the Memorial Day holiday. All of the Health Occupations Boards are engaged in the two-year State Legislative Audit. Since the Board recently switched to a new automated computer system, the audit will help insure the Board is capturing all of the necessary business rules under the new system. Finally the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Eastern Shore Campus, will hold its inaugural "Hooding Ceremony" on May 16, 2013. L. Bradley-Baker, J. Smith and possibly M. Souranis will attend on behalf of the Board. 1. Personnel Updates - Vacancies and Recruits Patricia Gaither reported last month that the Board had two vacancies, a pharmacy technician inspector in the Compliance Unit and secretary for the Licensing Unit. The interviews have been completed for the inspector position and the Board's Compliance Manager will submit a recommendation soon. The Board plans to begin recruitment for the licensing secretary by May 1, 2013. The Board will also begin the recruitment process to fill the vacant Pharmacist Inspector position. This position is a 50% position. The hiring freeze waiver request has been submitted to the Department and the Board hopes to move forward with recruitment by May 1, 2013 also. 2. Contracts and Procurement The PEAC contract signed last year included an option to 	Motion by D. Chason to	Motion was
		The PEAC contract signed last year included an option to renew in FY 2014. Commissioner D. Chason has recommended that the Board renew the PEAC contract under the same provisions as last year.	Motion by D. Chason to renew the PEAC contract under the same provisions as last years' contract	Motion was approved.

			(including monetary). Motion was seconded by Z. St. Cyr, II.
C. MIS	J. Johnson, MIS Manager	 Last month J. Johnson discussed the required scanning project (most BOP documents, including license applications and files, as well as compliance documentation and Orders) and that a scope of project had been submitted to MD Works to issue to potential vendor companies for review. J. Johnson met with a couple of vendors who responded, after which he developed a more extensive project scope which included the number of pages to be scanned (approximately 2 million). The expanded scope has been reviewed by L. Naesea and will be forwarded to the vendors. The Board's goal is to complete the scanning project before the Board moves its offices to the fifth floor at Patterson Avenue. Wholesale Distributor on-line renewals will be ready May 1, 2013. The Board's vendor, System Automation is in progress of addressing and testing some corrections requested by the Board's MIS team. The Board is engaged in interfacing data from its MIS system with Child Support's (DHR) system. Test files have been forwarded to DHR so they can begin configuring their system to send back data about licensees who have violated their Child Support payment orders. There were some issues with the File Transfer Program (FTP) accounts setup that would assure that the transferred information was sent securely over the internet, but the set up is now complete. 	
D. Licensing	L. Waddell,	Monthly Statistics for March, 2013.	
	Licensing	Pharmacists:	
	Manager	New Applications – 50	

		 Renewals – 332 Total Licensed – 9301 Pharmacists Administer Vaccinations: New Applications – 18 Renewals – 0 Total Certified - 2998 Technicians: New Applications – 187 Renewals – 169 Total Registered –8261
		Student Technicians • New Applications – 220 • Renewals – 3 • Total Registered – 582 Pharmacies:
		 New Applications – 16 Renewals – 0 Total Pharmacies – 1870
		Distributors: • New Applications – 15 • Renewals – 0 • Total – 1028
E. Compliance	C. Jackson, Compliance Secretary	1. Monthly Statistics for March, 2013 Complaints & Investigations: New Complaints- 16 Resolved (Including Carryover) – 32 Final disciplinary actions taken – 5 Reversal – 0 Summary Actions Taken – 3

	Gil Cohen, PEAC	Inspections: 107 Annual Inspections- 91 Opening Inspections- 7 Relocation Inspections- 2 Board Special Investigation Inspections - 7 There was no representative from PEAC at this month's board meeting. The Pharmacists' Education and Advocacy Council Monthly Statistics Report for March 2013 states the following: • Total Pharmacist Rehabilitation Committee Clients – 21 • Pharmacist Clients – 18 • Technician Clients – 0 • Pharmacy Student Clients – 2 • Clients Monitored by Board Req. PEAC Assistance – 1 • Drug Testing Results – 30 • Number of Positive Results - 0	
F. Legislation & Regulations	A. Jeffers, Legislation & Regulations Manager	LEGISLATION: MGA Tracking list Board of Pharmacy - 04_09_2013_02_04 a.m 1. Position Paper to be ratified: The Board ratified the last position paper. HB 1430 Task Force on Pharmacogenomics - SWA HB 1430 TF on Pharmacogenomics 022513 2. Legislation of Significance: Angel Huynh is preparing a breakdown of new requirements from this year's legislation for the unit managers. Anna Jeffers provided a brief summary of the following legislation. SB 139/HB 1237 Health Care Practitioners - Prescription Drug or Device Dispensing-Medical Facilities or Clinics That Specialize in Treatment Reimbursable Through Workers'	

sb0139T	
Effective July 1, 2013	

Action – Consider submitting a newsletter article for the affected Boards' Newsletter.

HB 225/SB 273 Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013

hb0225E

Effective July 1, 2013. Anna Jeffers will prepare a Newsletter Article.

Regulations and a process required.

<u>HB 179/SB 401 – Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations – Expanded Authority and Reporting Requirements</u>

hb0179T

Effective October 1, 2013. Anna Jeffers will prepare a Newsletter Article

Regulatory revisions required

<u>HB 591/SB 595 State Board of Pharmacy – Wholesale Distribution – Pharmacies</u>

hb0591T

Effective October 1, 2013. Anna Jeffers will prepare a Newsletter Article

Regulatory revisions and a process required

SB 515/HB 783 State Board of Pharmacy – Jurisdiction Over Dentists Who Prepare and Dispense Dental Products and Antibiotics

FAILED		
SB 761/HB 868 Health Occupations – State Board of		
<u>Pharmacy – Waivers – Pharmacies that only Dispense Devices</u>		
<u>sb0761T</u>		
Effective on either May 2 nd or May 16 th . Anna Jeffers will prepare a Newsletter Article		
Requires regulations that are being draft by the Task Force		
HB 986/SB 896 State Board of Pharmacy – Sterile Compounding - Permits	Motion by D. Chason. to form a subcommittee to revise regulations and then	Motion was approved.
<u>hb0986T</u>	release for informal	
Effective July 1, 2013. Anna Jeffers will prepare a Newsletter Article.	comment. Motion was seconded by H. Finke.	
Revisions to implement HB 986 – Board approved the formation of a subcommittee to revise regulations and then release for informal comment.		
The subcommittee will develop recommendations for a timeline for implementation along with draft proposed regulations. It was suggested that the implementation of the "waiver" will be addressed first.		
REGULATIONS:		
10.34.03 – Inpatient Institutional Pharmacies Proposal submitted March 19, 2013.		
10.34.14 – Opening and Closing of Pharmacies and 10.34.30 – Change to Permit – Pharmacy or Distribution Permit Holder. Anticipated to be published April 19, 2013. 30 day comment period to follow.		
10.34.19 Sterile Pharmaceutical Compounding (Emergency) Proposal and Emergency Proposal submitted March 19, 2013		

10.34.22 – Licensing of Wholesale Prescription Drug or Device

Distributors (Emergency)		
Emergency proposal in AELR. Anticipated to be published April 19, 2013. 30 day comment period to follow.		
10.34.23 Pharmaceutical Services to Patients in Comprehensive Care Facilities Proposal submitted March 19, 2013		
10.34.29 – Drug Therapy Management Notice of Final Action published April 5, 2013 with an April 15, 2013 Effective Date		
Anna Jeffers reported that she and Stephen Holmes will meet on April 22, 2013 to review and revise the DTM forms so that they may be approved by Practice on April 24 th .		
10.34.33 Prescription Drug Repository Program Practice and Disciplinary recommend allowing the standard for accepting returns is the Federal Standard of accepting CDS drugs returns. STEPHEN HUH?? Board approved revising COMAR 10.34.33 accordingly.	Motion by D. Chason. to revise COMAR 10.34.33 allowing the standard for accepting controlled dangerous substance drugs (CDS) returns by the same	Motion was approved.
10.34.36 – Pharmaceutical Services to Residents in Assisted Living Programs and Group Homes Notice of Final Action submitted March 22, 2013 with a June 15, 2013 Effective Date.	as the Federal Standard of accepting CDS drug returns. Motion was seconded by M. Gavgani.	
10.13.01 Dispensing of Prescription Drugs by a Licensee Chapter revised pursuant to SB 603. <u>Board approved the proposal for submission to DHMH for sign off and publication.</u>	Motion by L. Israbian- Jamgochian to revise COMAR 10.13.01 and submit to DHMH for sign off and publication. Motion	Motion was approved.
COMAR 10.13.01 - Proposed Draft for Nov 28 Bd Meeting Statute to be implemented, effective by July 1, 2013.	was seconded by Z. St. Cyr, II.	
OTHER MATTERS		

<u>AG Opinion request - The Board discussed the following request to the Attorney General:</u>

Dear Attorney General Gansler:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") is a unit of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, established under Health Occupations Art. § 12-101 *et seq*, for the purpose of regulating, among other things, the practice of pharmacy and pharmacy operations in Maryland. The Board regulates pharmacy practice by licensing and disciplining various individuals and establishments involved in the distribution and dispensing of prescription drugs and devices into and within Maryland.

Question 1:

The Maryland Pharmacy Act, Health Occupations Art. § 12-101 et seq. (the "Act"), requires that an individual must be licensed as a pharmacist in order to dispense prescription drugs and devices. However, the Act provides an exemption for certain prescribers (i.e., physicians, dentists, and podiatrists), who may dispense prescription drugs if certain specified requirements are met. Health Occ. Art. § 12-102(c)(2). In order to qualify for an exemption, the prescriber must apply to his or her respective licensing board for a dispensing permit. A dispensing permit may only be issued if the prescriber applicant demonstrates that the prescriber's dispensing is "in the public interest", which is defined to mean that the prescriber is only dispensing when a pharmacy is not conveniently available to the patient. Health Occ. Art. § 12-Currently, the regulations implementing this 102(a)(2). requirement state that the determination of whether a pharmacy is not conveniently available is "made by the patient based upon factors to be determined solely in the discretion of the patient." COMAR 10.13.01.04J.

During the Board's review of the above regulations as mandated by the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act, it recommended

Motion by H. Finke to approve the three questions to the Attorney General as stated in these minutes.

Motion was seconded by J. Smith.

Motion was approved.

amending the regulations to restrict the definition of "not conveniently available to the patient." The Board proposed this amendment as a result of various concerns relating to patient safety, ethical conflicts by the dispensing prescribers, and the lack of compliance and enforcement of current criteria. The Board's proposed amendments were opposed by the other prescriber licensing boards.

The Board requests an opinion as to whether there are any statutory or regulatory restrictions to the Board's, or the Department's, ability to further clarify the term "in the public interest," provided that all other requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act are met.

Question 2:

In the same vein, another requirement for dispensing prescribers is that the prescriber must "personally prepare and dispense" the drugs to his or her patients. "Personally prepare and dispense" is defined in statute to mean that the prescriber: (i) is physically present on the premises where the prescription is filled; and (ii) performs a final check of the prescription before it is provided to the patient. Health Occ. Art. § 12-102(a)(3). The Board understands that prescribers are generally able to delegate certain acts to unlicensed individuals. However, acts involved in the dispensing process may only be delegated to a registered pharmacy technician by a pharmacist. *See* Health Occ. Art. § 12-6B-06.

The Board requests an opinion whether a prescriber may delegate the act of dispensing, or any acts involved in the dispensing process, to an unlicensed individual in the prescriber's practice.

Question 3:

Finally, the Board is statutorily required to inspect pharmacies on an annual basis. Health Occ. Art. § 12-604(b). The

		purpose is to ensure that establishments that store and handle prescription drugs, including controlled dangerous substances, are operating in a safe and legal manner. In addition, the same provision, Health Occ. Art. § 12-604(a), also states that "the Secretary, the Board, or the agents of either, during business hours, may: (1) Enter any place where drugs, devices, diagnostics, cosmetics, dentifrices, domestic remedies, or toilet articles are manufactured, packaged, stocked, or offered for sale; and (2) Inspect the drugs, devices, diagnostics, cosmetics, dentifrices, domestic remedies, and toilet articles there." The Board requests an opinion whether its inspection authority under Health Occupations Art. § 12-604 is limited to pharmacies and other holders of licenses or permits issued by the Board, or whether the Board has the statutory authority to inspect other persons that manufacture, package, stock, or offer for sale drugs or devices. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these issues. Please feel free to contact the Board in the event that you require further information.		
III. Committee Reports A. Practice Committee	H. Finke, Chair,	1) Inquiries Logan Davis, Vital Care, Inc. Compounding question Draft Board Response - Compounding The Board approved the following response: Thank you for contacting the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") concerning whether it would comply with Maryland law for a pharmacy to compound drugs based on patient specific prescriptions and then sell those drugs to a prescriber for sale to the prescriber's patients.	Motion by Practice Committee to accept draft Board response to Logan Davis, Vital Care, Inc as stated in these minutes. Motion was seconded by M. Gavgani.	Motion was approved.

Please be advised that as long as the compounding is performed pursuant to a patient specific prescription, the pharmacist may sell the compounded drug to a prescriber for sale to the prescriber's patients.

For your information, legislation passed in the 2013 legislative session requiring pharmacies that compound to obtain a Sterile Compounding Permit from the Board. For more details see:

http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0986&s tab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2013RS

This law goes into effect July 1, 2013 with full implementation to be completed on or before April 1, 2014.

Please be advised that this response was prepared with the knowledge of only the facts presented. Any person who wishes to republish or reproduce, in whole or in part, any material issued by the Board should contact the Board for prior consent. This response is not intended to be legal advice. Although references to current laws and regulations may be included in this response, keep in mind that laws may change annually and regulations may be changed at any time. Further, the information provided is based on state pharmacy laws and regulations. Federal rules and state requirements that are not included under the Maryland Pharmacy Practice Act, however, may also apply. To insure that all current applicable laws have been considered, you may want to consult with your own legal counsel.

Should you have questions or additional concerns, please feel free to contact Anna D. Jeffers, Legislation and Regulations Manager at (410) 764-4794.

2) MOU with UMSchool of Pharmacy and DHMH

Discussed at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate schedules of some attendees.

Practice Committee recommended that the Board not participated in the MOU between the Division of Drug Control and the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy to develop a guidance tool for pharmacists in helping to determine fraudulent

prescriptions. Board vote requested.

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NABP was requested to survey other states with the following question:

"Are they aware of any projects that involve the development of a guidance tool for pharmacists so that they may distinguish a fraudulent prescription from a legitimate prescription for controlled dangerous substances based on on patient, prescriber, and prescription factors."

NABP responded with the following tool: http://www.narxcheck.com/.

Nineteen states replied to the NABP survey. Arizona, North Carolina and Texas had guidance tools (see attached) and Florida has a proposed rule regarding guidance for fraudulent CDS prescriptions. Eleven states did not have any guidance tools and three of those expressed an interest in having them. Three states that did not have guidance tools did provide training or required CE on this topic.

AZPharmacist Dispensing Guidelines (Printable)

NC DrugDiversionPocketcard

TX Professional Responsibility of Pharmacists

Following discussion regarding components of the proposed project (including a call center and continuing education), potential Board liability for prescribed medications, and the perceived imposition of additional pharmacist requirements that may result from the study outcomes, the Board voted to support the concept of the MOU and to keep the door open concerning details. The Board has grant money available that may support some of the concepts in the MOU.

The Board agreed to support the concept of the MOU but would not support a call center. In addition, the Board would consider offering grant money after the Board receives addition information.

B. Licensing Committee	D. Chason Chair,	Review of Pharmacist: Marian Azzam – Applicant is asking for two month extension to complete internship hours to meet the foreign graduate requirement. Licensing Committee recommendation is to approve two month extension.	Motion by Licensing Committee to approve Marian Azzam's request for two month extension to complete internship hours. Motion was seconded by Z.	1. Motion was approved.
		 Review of Pharmacy Technician Applications: a. Laurel Sanders Applicant answered yes to question 3 regarding failing to renew healthcare registration. Explanation: Failed to renew registration in NJ due to relocation to MD. Licensing Committee recommendation is to approve application. b. Korin Williams Answered yes to question 3 regarding failing to renew registration. Explanation: Failed to renew VA registration as she was not aware that it expired in a year. Licensing Committee recommendation is to approve application. New Business: 	St. Cyr, II. Motion by Licensing Committee to approve application of Laurel Sanders. Motion was seconded by J. Smith. Motion by Licensing Committee to approve application of Korin Williams. Motion was seconded by H. Finke.	2a. Motion was approved.2b. Motion was approved.
		• a. Francis Yomi – Submitted an appeal of the Board's previous decision not to accept credentials to become a licensed pharmacist. Licensing Committee recommendation is to deny appeal and inform him/her that they must have a Pharm D degree from an accredited school of pharmacy • b. Rvind Mendpara – Applicant would like to reciprocate to MD and is asking the Board to waive FPGEEC requirement and oral comp test. Licensing Committee recommendation is to deny request and inform him that he needs to have documentation of certification or he can't reciprocate.	Motion by Licensing Committee to deny appeal. Motion was seconded by H. Finke. Motion by Licensing Committee to deny request and inform him that he needs to have documentation of certification or he can't reciprocate. Motion was seconded by M. Gavgani.	3a. Motion was approved. 3b.Motion was approved.

• <u>c. Plaza Pharmacy</u> – Requesting refund because pharmacy states they weren't aware of the requirement to have a MD licensed pharmacist on staff. Licensing Recommendation is to deny request as it is an administrative fee.	Motion by Licensing Committee to deny Plaza Pharmacy's request for a refund. Motion was seconded by H. Finke.	3c. Motion was approved.
d. Tandem Diabetes —Would like to appeal decision made by Board stating that they have to have a MD licensed pharmacist on staff. Licensing Committee recommendation is to deny appeal and to inform company that the law is in process of being amended and to continue to track the statutes and DME regulatory changes.	Motion by Licensing Committee to deny appeal and to inform Tandem Diabetes that the law is in process of being amended and to continue to track the statutes and DME regulatory changes. Motion was seconded by M. Gavgani.	3d. Motion was approved.
 e. DME Provider Taskforce Meeting – Would like to know whether the Board would consider lowering the application fee for pharmacies that dispense devices only. Licensing Committee recommendation is that we deny the request, as it is an administrative fee. f. Jason Noel – Would like to know how the Board would authenticate in an audit whether a candidate satisfied the CE requirement around prevention of dispensing errors. Licensing Committee recommendation is to inform him that the Board would ask for certificate from program that issued the credit. 	Motion by Licensing Committee is to deny the request of DME TaskForce to lower application fee for pharmacies that dispense devices only. Motion was seconded by M. Gavgani. No action was taken on Joel Noel's request. This matter was for informational purposes only.	3e. Motion was approved.
• g. Saint Agnes Hospital – Would like to surrender Separate Institutional Pharmacy License as they feel that they don't need it based on COMAR 10.34.03. Licensing Recommendation is to inform hospital we suggest not returning license, surrendering is a	Motion by Licensing Committee to inform St. Agnes Hospital that: 1) St. Agnes should not return license as surrendering	3g. Motion was approved.

		disciplinary action and is not applicable, and at the next inspection we will inform them as to whether both licenses are necessary. Also, that no closing inspection is necessary.	license is a disciplinary action and is not applicable; 2) That the Board will inform St. Agnes at the next inspection as to whether both licenses are necessary; and 3) That no closing inspection is necessary. Motion was seconded by M. Gavgani.	
		• <u>h. Dr. Paul Jarosinski</u> – Would like Board to state that we will continue to approve ASCO meetings, AMA based credits. Licensing Recommendation is to inform him that he has to submit CE to be approved per meeting attendance and it will be determined whether we accept it or not on a per case basis.	Motion by Licensing Committee to inform Dr. Paul Jarosinski that he has to submit CE to be approved per meeting attendance and it will be determined whether the Board will accept it or not on a per case basis. Motion was seconded by M. Gavgani.	3h. Motion was approved.
C. Public Relations Committee	L. Bradley- Baker, Chair	 Public Relations Committee Update: The Committee is still trying to work out dates with Admiral Giberson to speak at the Board's annual continuing education breakfast. The Committee will have definitive dates for the Board to consider at the Board's May public meeting. The Committee is considering using the second hour of the continuing education breakfast (it is a two hour event) to focus on education or guidance in reviewing controlled dangerous substance prescriptions. More information on this will be presented at next month's board meeting. The Baltimore Flower Mart - The Board will participate on the first day of the event, Friday, May 3, 2013. J. Seeds will ask Board Commissioners by e-mail to volunteer. L. Bradley-Baker thanked the Board staff who 		

		have volunteered to help at the event. The University of Maryland Schools of Pharmacy has agreed to send students in the morning and the Committee will be checking with the other two pharmacy schools in the state to see if they can do so as well. The Board does want students to participate as those students do the blood pressure and other screenings.		
D. Disciplinary	L. Israbian- Jamgochian, Chair	Disciplinary Committee Update – No update this month.		
E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force	L. Bradley- Baker, Treasurer	 Emergency Preparedness Task Force Update: The Emergency Preparedness Task Force is working to have an emergency preparedness training drill which will include faculty and staff from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy. This training drill will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013. Several members of DHMH will be attending this emergency preparedness training drill 		
IV. Other Business & FYI	L. Bradley- Baker, Treasurer	No other business.		
V. Adjournment	L. Bradley- Baker, Treasurer,	The Public Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M. At 11:39 A.M. L. Bradley Baker convened a Closed Public Session to conduct a medical review of technician applications. C. The Closed Public Session was adjourned at 12:12 P.M. Immediately thereafter, L. Bradley-Baker convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Administrative Session.	Motion by D. Chason, to adjourn the Public Board meeting pursuant to State Government Article 10-508)a)(13) and (7) for the purpose of engaging in medical review committee review deliberation regarding confidential matters in applications Meeting. The motion was seconded by M. Gavgani.	Motion was approved.